News release

Northerly blast to bring colder weather

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Temperature figures for October 2006 show that the month is likely to end at least 2 °C above the long-term average, according to preliminary Met Office data.

October temperatures

	Provisional mean temperatures (1-29 October 2006)	October mean temperature (1971-2000)
UK	11.7	9.3
England	12.8	10.1
Northern Ireland	11.5	9.3
Scotland	10.0	7.9
Wales	11.8	9.6

However, a change in the month will bring a change in the weather, with Met Office forecasters predicting much colder weather to sweep across the whole country through this week.

From Wednesday, temperatures at night are expected to fall below freezing in many areas and as low as -4 °C in some rural locations. Daytime highs will also fall, with 12 °C in southern England and 8 °C in northern Scotland.

Chief Forecaster at the Met Office, Nick Grahame said: "after such a long mild spell, the change during this week could be a shock to the system for many people."

Latest forecasts for the bonfire weekend look good for most, with a mainly dry and settled theme and the chance of some overnight frosts and patchy fog.

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